

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are made to (1) improve the clarity and consistency of the claims and (2) remove the words "steps" and "step". The amendments were not earlier presented because need for them was only detected in a final proof-reading. No new matter is being added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amounts that may be owing or deposit any overpayment related to the filing of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

RETURN OF FORM PTO-1449

The Examiner is requested to initial and return to Applicants the form PTO-1449 filed in this case January 13, 1997.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231,	
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